

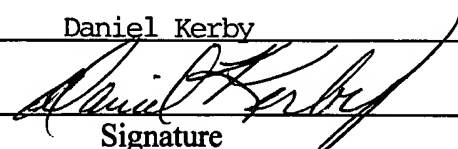
REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group 1, Claims 1-11, without traverse, for purposes of examination and reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement on August 10, 1999 and would appreciate receiving an acknowledgement of the Form 1449 in any responding action on this case.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

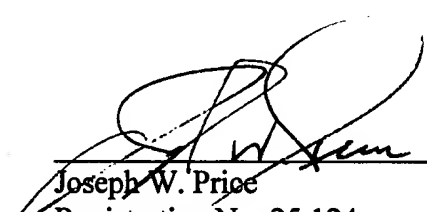
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